

FIGHTING RAGES IN PHILIPPINE CITY

British Stik Resisting At Hongkong Base

Operations Proceeding Against Foe

Report From Colony Governor First Word From Hongkong In 24 Hours, Dispelling Belief Crown Colony Cut Off From Outside World By Japs; British Withdraw On Malayan Front

London, Dec. 20.—(AP) Sir Mark Young, governor and commander-in-chief of the British forces at Hongkong, reported this morning by telegraph that operations are proceeding on that beleaguered island, the British Colonial office announced shortly after noon today.

At the same time a military commentator declared that the last news from Hongkong "showed some but he was unable to give the time that information was dispatched from the crown colony.

The Colonial Office's statement was the first report of connections with Hongkong in 24 hours. For it had been believed that the crown colony was cut off from the outside world by a ring of Japanese fire.

The Colonial Office's statement follows:

"The governor of Hongkong reported by telegraph this morning that operations are proceeding on the island.

"The governor wishes it to be known that the Japanese story that the island is entirely false."

"The Berlin radio declared yesterday 'Sir Mark had escaped from the island but the Colonial Office promptly spiked the report by announcing it had been in communication with him only that morning.

"The message today was the first to be announced from Hongkong since then.

"Of fighting on the Malay peninsula, the military commander said 'slight further withdrawal in northwestern Malaya was carried out by our troops without interference from the enemy."

"The latest withdrawal, he said, had taken the British well south from the Krian river but the precise point reached was not disclosed.

"The commentator said the British withdrew at their 'pleasure' from the island city of Penang, Malay Straits settlement city which had been isolated by the Japanese and that 'only those Europeans were left who wanted to stay."

"All desirable demolition and destruction of stores were accomplished before Penang was evacuated, he added.

"The Hongkong fight was conceded here to be a losing battle.

"Presents Messiah Here Sunday Night

This year is the 200th anniversary of "The Messiah." G. F. Handel composed this beloved masterpiece in Dublin in 1741. The great oratorio has been sung every year since that time, and is the best loved of all oratorios.

NAZI WARNS OF PENDING AXIS WAR REVERSES

Minister Tells German People To Be Composed

RUSSIAN - JAPAN FRICTION NOTED

Sinking Of Russian Freighter By Japanese Warplanes May Inspire Further Moscow Action

Meanwhile, the Dutch news agency Aneta reported an episode of new friction between Russia and Japan, declaring that 17 Japanese warplanes bombed and sank the 4,200-ton Russian freighter Perepov en route between Vladivostok and Java.

Eight members of the Soviet crew were reported killed; 32 others, including the captain, were rescued.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Axis retreat in Libya has turned into a rout, with Imperial forces chasing General Erwin Rommel's battered army and British air blows taking staggering toll of his remaining strength, the British declared today.

Although allied with Britain and the United States in war against Germany, Russia has not declared hostilities on Japan, but recently Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff bluntly described the Japanese as "Axis gangsters" and "the common enemy" of the democracies.

With powerful Red armies reported massed in Soviet Siberia, next door to Japanese-occupied Manchukuo, and with air bases within easy bombing range of Tokyo, Russia could strike a deadly blow at Japan from the north while her armies are spread out far to the south in the Philippines, Malaya and Borneo.

In Berlin, Propaganda Minister Goebbels grimly acknowledged that "changed world conditions" made it necessary to count on a long and harder war, and he implied that the chances of any further lightning marches were ended.

"We do not underestimate the remaining possibilities of England and America," he added.

While the German people thus received an enlightening hint on the reversal of Axis fortunes, Hitler's high command tersely acknowledged that German and Italian troops in North Africa were withdrawing "according to plan."

Official radio dispatches said British troops, "keeping the enemy on the run," had occupied the Mediterranean port of Derna and the inland desert town of Mekill and had swept on 45 miles west of Derna—a total drive of 245 miles from the Egyptian border where the British counter-offensive started a month ago.

"Great havoc was caused to enemy mechanical transport on a number of occasions," it added.

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The bad news from the East this week was made by Japan's invasion dots around the China sea. The good news was made by American and Dutch fleet and submarine crews and by British Imperial troops who have prevented or retarded the growth, development and reinforcement of those invasion dots as bases.

There is nothing haphazard about these invasion dots. They are the result of a strategy treacherously plotted and astiduously scouted by hissing little agents, some of them at work when you and I were very young. The dots are intended to



Investigators Press Hawaii Inquiry

The board of inquiry, appointed to fix the blame for failure of Hawaii's defenders to be on the alert when the Japanese attacked December 7, continued its study in Washington after ranking officers in the Hawaii outpost had been relieved of their commands. Left to right: Brig. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Admiral William H. Standley, Associa te Justice Owen J. Roberts of the Supreme Court, Rear Admiral Joseph M. Reeves, and Maj. Gen. Frank Ross McCoy.

Dutch Warplanes Score Hits On Japanese Ships

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Dutch fliers striking at Japanese ship concentrations off Sarawak scored direct hits on two cruisers and two transports, it was reported here today at Aneta, "The Netherlands Indies news agency.

REGISTER FOR DEFENSE WORK

Approximately 1,000 Offer To Aid In Program

John G. Clark, charged with the task of enrolling Mr. and Mrs. John Public in Civilian Defense, reported today that while a complete tabulation of yesterday's one-day campaign had not been completed, approximately 1,000 men and women, both white and colored, registered and signified their desire to help in any emergency.

However, if there is anyone who forgot to register or did not have time, they may do so at any time at any one of several places. H. H. Duncan, desk sergeant at the police station, has cards and will be glad to assist anyone desiring to register. Cards may also be found at the office of D. H. Conley, J. H. Rose and at Flanagan Buggy Company, as well as at all schools.

Mr. Clark said that the response was very gratifying and showed a fine spirit of patriotism in such times. He expressed his appreciation to all those who registered and especially thanked those who volunteered their services in helping in the registration.

J. H. Rose, chairman of the local Civilian Defense program, announced that registrants soon would be classified and assigned to the particular phase for which they are best fitted.

The complete program then will be formulated and put into effect.

Santa Claus Visits Recreational Club

The WPA-City Music, Dramatic and Glee Club met last night at the West Greenville school auditorium with old St. Nick as honored guest.

The program's feature was a fire-side discussion by members of the club.

Presenters were exchanged and the club had extra gifts for those who failed to receive one. Fruit was distributed and a general Christmas program held.

U. S. SOLDIERS MAY BE SENT ACROSS OCEAN

Conviction Grows That Second AEF Planned

WOULD BE SENT OVER ATLANTIC

Probably Would First Be Sent To Africa When Adequately Trained And Transport Available

Washington, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A conviction appeared to be growing among senators today that the United States would send an expeditionary force across the Atlantic when one was adequately trained and equipped and when the necessary combat and transport shipping was available.

There was general agreement that it might be difficult to land a second A. E. F. abroad, and several senators declared that any American troops probably would go first to Africa, the Portuguese Azores or the Spanish Canary Islands off the coast of Africa.

Senator Norris (Ind.-Neb.) who opposed American entry into the first World War but voted for this nation's recent war declarations, told reporters that he "would have no objection to an expeditionary force if the President and the military authorities believe it would do any good."

Norris added that "we're in the war now, and we have to do everything that is necessary to win it."

"I am confident there will be an expeditionary force sooner or later," declared Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) who opposed most administration foreign policy measures up until the Pearl Harbor attack.

"Since we are in the war, there can be no effort to block another A. E. F. if the President thinks one is necessary."

But Wheeler and Senator Nye (R.-N.D.) asserted in separate interviews that the nation was far from ready to send any sizeable force abroad. Nye said he believed it would be two years before the nation had sufficient trained men, equipment and shipping facilities to fight on European or African soil.

Senators Lee (D-Okla.) and Pepper (D-Fla.) both administration supporters, suggested that this nation might send men to the Azores, the Canaries or Africa. "We should have set up bases in Africa and taken over those islands a long time ago," Pepper declared. "But it still would be easier to do it now than to do it sometime in the future."

Senatorial discussion of the Portuguese Azores as a possible future springboard for an A. E. F., came at a time when the Axis was exerting pressure on Portugal, because Australian and Dutch troops have occupied Timor, the Portuguese island colony, in the South Pacific war zone.

Camp Davis Arena

Burlington Market

Big Bear Is Caught By Pitt County Man

E. O. Smith, Pitt county farmer of Vanceboro, Route 2, last night caught a 300-pound hog bear in a trap set on his farm in the lower end of Pitt county after he had seen tracks for some time.

Section Of Hostilities Predominantly Japanese

Nippon Planes Again Strike At Nichols Field In Manila; Japs Claim Forces Landed On Island of Mindanao And That Situation Is Rapidly Turning In Favor of Japs; Quezon Asks Aid

Manila, Dec. 20.—(AP) Heavy fighting is raging at the predominantly-Japanese city of Davao, in the southern Philippines, where four enemy transports unloaded a swarm of soldiers, it was announced today as the Japanese again struck at Nichols field in Manila in a light raid.

ANTI-FASCIST GROUP FORMED

Would Overthrow Il Duce And Conclude Peace

London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Russian embassy announced today that a group of militant Italian anti-Fascists and Communists have formed a secret "committee of action" aimed at overthrowing Mussolini and concluding a separate Italian peace.

The announcement, which was issued in the embassy's publication, "Soviet War News," recalled the recent Italian disclosure of a revolutionary movement, including an attempt against the life of Mussolini and extensive sabotage in Italy. (A trial of suspected spies and saboteurs was held at Trieste, Italy, this month.)

The Soviet embassy said a committee was formed recently "in the vicinity of the Italian frontier" and included members of the Italian Socialist party and a justice and liberty movement.

It has appealed to all Italians, the embassy said, to strive for these goals:

"Denunciation of the pact with Hitler, immediate separate peace with England, the U. S. S. R. and other countries attacked by Fascism, withdrawal of all Italian troops from the U. S. S. R. and other war fronts."

The embassy said the committee is exhorting Italian soldiers and sailors to "unite to impose an end to the war" workers "to obstruct war production by every means" and farmers "to resist forced sale of your products" and refuse to pay taxes.

How the appeals are being circulated or the extent of the committee's operations were not disclosed.

Giant Nazi Craft Shot Down In Fire

London, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Two of Germany's big, long-range Focke-Wulf aircraft have been shot down and a third so badly damaged it "may not have reached its base," the Admiralty announced today.

They were hit yesterday by British naval planes operating from ships "provided for defense of convoys against German long-range aircraft," the communique said.

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E. O. Smith, Pitt county farmer of Vanceboro, Route 2, last night caught a 300-pound hog bear in a trap set on his farm in the lower end of Pitt county after he had seen tracks for some time.

Bears have been raiding Mr. Smith's corn field. The farmer said that tracks indicated that two more bears were raiding his field and he has another trap out to catch one of these.

The bear was caught in a big wire bear cage with a trap door and baited with deer liver. The bear was brought to Greenville and was seen by a large number.

Civic Club Holds Yuletide Program

The Greenville Kiwanis club held its annual Christmas program last night, with each member carrying a toy to be turned over to the King's Daughters for distribution to underprivileged children.

The principal Christmas address was made by Rev. W. A. Ryan, who compared the holiday to a generation ago. The minister declared that there is tendency to get away from the true idea of Christmas and that too much commercialism was taking its place.

He was presented by Dr. J. M. Barrett, chairman of the committee in charge of the program.

Community Sing Held Last Night

The annual Christmas Community Sing was conducted in front of the court house last night with a large number of participants as well as on-lookers and listeners.

The singing was directed by Lewis Sidney Bullock and his symphonic choir. Mrs. J. H. Rose provided a running commentary on the carols.

After the program in front of the court house, the group went about the city singing carols, spreading the Christmas spirit.

Parents and Economics

Babson Discusses Morals And Business

Camp Devens, Mass., Dec. 20.—I having a good time and more about doing a good job. From the Southwest, there comes an editorial which has the right idea. A Texas newspaper editor in San Augustine writes that there is not so much wrong with the country as there is wrong with the people in it. Too many have gone "good-time" crazy and are working just to get money for playing. Too few are playing with the purpose of building up energy for work.

These crazies and manias go in cycles just like everything else. Since World War II this "good-time" bug has spread like an epidemic until we all think less about

Axis Ships Sunk

Cairo, Dec. 20.—(AP)—British naval aircraft fired torpedoes at two 5,000-ton Axis transports and two 2,000-tonners in a heavily guarded convoy near Tripoli Tuesday and sank most of them.

Both vessels began immediately to settle by one end, it was said.

Tripoli now is one of the main ports of entry into German and Italian Libya, a gateway for supplies and reinforcements for the armies being bottled in eastern Libya by the British offensive.

3 Shopping Days till Christmas

The WAR TODAY

By DeWITT MacKENZIE (World-wide News Analyst)

(By The Associated Press) The bad news from the East this week was made by Japan's invasion dots around the China sea.

Parking Meters

Asheville, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The city purchased 400 parking meters for installation in the downtown area.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Harvey Turnage and Harvey Turnage, Jr., will arrive in the morning from Washington, D. C., to spend Christmas with Mrs. W. S. Galloway.

Miss Annie Lee Hoker will arrive this afternoon from Washington, D. C., to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hooker.

Mr. J. C. Duval left today for Richmond to spend Christmas.

Miss Nancy Clark of Wilson, will be the guest of Miss Mary Ann Duncan for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Horton will arrive tomorrow from Carrollton, Ky., to spend Christmas with relatives in Greenville and Farmville.

First Sergeant James Davenport is at home from Fort Jackson to spend Christmas.

Friends of W. S. Dall will be glad to learn that he is recuperating satisfactorily from an attack of influenza at his home, 1309 Chestnut street.

Kenneth Henderson is at home from Chapel Hill for the holidays.

Mrs. S. T. Hooker, who has been ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. White, is improving.

John Cox will return tonight from Nashville, Tenn., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest J. Cassick left yesterday for Nant-Glo, Pa., to visit Mr. Cassick's parents.

Curtis Perkins, Jr., is at home from V. E. S. in Lynchburg, Va., to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hooker of Atlanta, Ga., are spending the Christmas holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White.

Thanks.
Thanks for the kind thoughtfulness and recent bereavement.

Mrs. Della Waters and Family.

W.P.A. Pre-School Party.
The children of the W.P.A. pre-school, located at West Greenville school, enjoyed a gala day Friday.

The fun began with the second grade visiting the pre-school room and singing Christmas songs for the children. The pre-school children then visited the first and second grades and sang songs for them.

Approximately 60 mothers and children were present for the Christmas party. Santa Claus came to give the presents.

As he entered the room, the children sang to him: "Merry Christmas, Dear Santa." He then gave each child his gift and then containing fruit, candy and nuts. As the children prepared to go home they were given balloons as favors. Santa Claus presented to each mother a small gift made by the children. Everyone had a grand time and will be ready to return to pre-school when it opens January 5, after a two-weeks Christmas vacation. —Reported.

Entertainers Book Club.
The Jane Austen Book Club of Stokes, met with Mrs. W. F. Stokes on December 18, with Mrs. W. C. Nathan presiding. The home was beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif.

Mrs. W. E. Cherry presented a program of Christmas music, which consisted of the origin and composer of several of the best loved Christmas carols. Miss Katie McClain gave a group of Christmas selections as vocal solos, adding just the right feeling to close the program.

Following this the hostess served a holiday salad plate.

Guests for the meeting were the local faculty members including Misses Katie McClain, Helen Harrington, Callie Spurrill, Bruce Exum, Bess Gillam, Madeline Adams, Edna Helton, Antoinette Charles and Lucy Fleming.

Matrons and Patrons Club.
The Past-Matrons and Patrons Club met with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hones at their home on Tenth Street, Thursday evening. The home was beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery and stars in the appropriate shades.

A large number of the members were present to enjoy several interesting contests and games and the hostess, assisted by Mrs. F. T. Corbett, served delicious refreshments.

Methodist Christmas Pageant.
Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, a Christmas pageant, "Watches in the Hills," will be presented at Jarvis Memorial Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. J. H. Rose. The public is invited to this service.

The cast for the pageant will be as follows:
Shoppers: Mary Elizabeth Austin, Rachel Fleming, Sara Moore, Shirley Warner and Elizabeth Bridges.
Shepherd Boy: Tom Rowlette.
Wife Men: George Tyndall, Larry Brown, Charles Pace.
Shepherds: Harper Darden, Ed Batchelor, Herbert Waldrop, Sidney Dunn.
Mother: Edith Taylor.
Children: Phyllis Moore, Peggy Reid, Frances Aman.

Worship Group: Arthur Whitehurst, Elizabeth Kittrell, Phil Goodson, Ann Horton.
Friendship Group: Katherine VanNortwick, Eleanor James.
Gold-wild Group: Gladys Tyndall, Faye Duval, Conner Merritt.
Class Group: Phil Moore, Sara Lee Bland, Ralph Fleming, Mary Ann Duncan.
Angel: Jane Massey.

Social Calendar

SUNDAY
8:00 p. m.—The North Carolina Choral Symphony will present Handel's "Messiah" in Wright Memorial Auditorium.

MONDAY
4:00-5:30 p. m.—Mrs. Charles W. Shuff, Sr., and Miss Phyllis Shuff will entertain at tea honoring Miss Lulu Carrington Gravelly, bride-elect of Rocky Mount.

8:30 p. m.—The Rotary Club meets.

7:00 p. m.—Meeting of the Lions Club.

8:00 p. m.—The Greenville Symphonic Choir meets at the Woman's Club.

9:00 p. m.—Miss Josie Barnes White will entertain at a dance at the Country Club.

TUESDAY
7:30 p. m.—Witha Council, degree of Pochontas will meet.

FRIDAY
7:30 p. m.—Red Men will meet.

10:00 p. m.—German Club dance at the Country Club.

U. D. C. Meeting.
The regular meeting of the George B. Singletary chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy was held with Mrs. E. B. Ficklen on Thursday afternoon. The home was lovely in a setting of holly and Christmas greenery and narcissus.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. E. W. Harvey, president. After the ritualistic opening, the treasurer reported all obligations had been met, and there was a substantial sum in the treasury. Mrs. Hollingsworth reported that Flag Day, which was held Saturday, December 10, was a decided success. Mrs. J. L. Fleming reported working with the librarian toward reestablishing the Confederate Shelf at the Sheppard Memorial Library, and asked the members to help in putting on a drive for books. The chapter decided to purchase the four volumes of the "Rise and Fall of the Confederacy" by Thomas Jefferson, and place these on the shelf, and Mrs. J. H. Randolph promised a volume of Confederate History. Mrs. R. C. Deal called the attention of the members to several honors received by the North Carolina division of U. D. C. at the national convention held recently in San Francisco. Mrs. Hollingsworth reported that four bed jackets had been made by the committee, and were now ready to be added to the Christmas box for the old ladies at the Confederate Home in Fayetteville. Miss Anna Browning, fourth grade teacher at the Training school, gave a most delightful talk about the Confederate leader, Nathan Bedford Forrest of Tennessee. The hostess served delicious refreshments of Russian tea, sardines, cakes and candies. Mrs. B. W. Moseley asked to have the chapter meet with her in January.

Memorial Baptist Services.
"The Adoration," a Christmas cantata by George Nevin, will be presented at the Memorial Baptist Church by the choir on Sunday morning at the morning worship service. The composition is twenty minutes in length and includes soloists and numbers by the full choir. Solo parts will be sung by Miss Helen Phelps, Mrs. Ruth Carter, Mr. W. W. Lee and Mr. H. A. McDougle. A brief meditation by the pastor will follow on the subject "Wonderful Is His Name."

The Sunday school will present the annual Christmas program on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Each department will have part in the service, which includes a pageant, "Jesus the Light of the World." The White Christmas offering will be brought to the church at that time and distributed to needy families the following day.

Immanuel Baptist Christmas Play.
On Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock the Immanuel Baptist Church will present a Christmas play "The Old Old Story," by Helen Perry Curtis. As has been the custom of the church for a number of years, members will bring their White Christmas gifts for the Kennedy Home to this service.

"The Old Old Story" is an interpretation of the birth of the Christ-child, inspired by a lovely creche, a little group of figures simply modeled, quietly colored, exquisitely grouped, and as quaint and old-world as the quiet village from which they came—old Rotterdam-on-Tauber. There is the young Madonna leaning adoringly over her baby, stalwart Joseph, watching them protectively, and the humble shepherds with their rich gifts, and a tiny kneeling angel. To this lovely scene has been added a background of candlelight, soft music, and voices from above like a heavenly choir, which together makes "The Old Old Story," a beautiful and inspiring pageant.

Those taking part in the performance are:
Angel, Miss Verda Harris; Mary, Mrs. E. B. Aycock; Joseph, Mr. Everett Stafford; Shepherds, Mr. Tyson Elliott, Mr. George Wilkerson, Mr. R. O. Everett, King, Mr. H. E. Sirmerson, Mr. H. E. Dail, Mr. DeRoche Vincent; Child-bearers, Mr. Max Willford, Mr. Richard Dunson.

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
Saturday, December 20, 1901

The folks were here yesterday. Fair weather today was much to the pleasure of shoppers and gratification of merchants.

This morning takes precedence as the coldest of the winter so far, the temperature being down to 16. The air felt like it had made a quick sale direct from the North Pole.

Mrs. G. B. King returned Friday evening from Washington City. Andrew Moore and Charlie James came home for the holidays Friday evening from Chapel Hill.

The musical background of the pageant will be furnished by Miss Beth Howell, organist, Mr. E. F. C. Metz, violinist, and a choir of adult and children's voices.

Christmas Church Services.
Attention of members of Eighth Street Christian Church is called to the various services scheduled for Sunday, and they are reminded of the ways in which they are asked to participate in the benevolent work of the congregation. Offerings for the orphaned and the aged will be brought in at both church school and regular morning worship services. Food, clothing, etc., designed for local use among the underprivileged of Greenville, should be brought to the church at either the morning or afternoon hour. Various groups in the church, especially among the young people, have accepted "opportunities" offered thru the Service League and distribution will be made through that organization. Christmas boxes for benevolent offerings should be brought in on Sunday that proper disbursement may be promptly made through the school and the church treasurers. The Christmas pageant to be given in the church at 5 o'clock in the afternoon will be an effort to dramatize the story of the birth of our Lord. All who are to take part in this dramatization are asked to be present by 4:30. The congregation and the public are cordially invited to attend. The day classes at the college at 8:15 and every member should be present.

Presbyterian Announcements.
Another glorious Christmas season is here. How wonderful that some at least, in this "war-torn world of suffering and death," can hear above the roar of cannon and the shriek and screams of guns the voices of the heavenly host as they sing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men." This joy and privilege that on Sunday and through the Christmas season, throughout America, and many other lands as well, joyful followers of the Christ Child shall meet and sing again the song of the heavenly host undisturbed and unafraid.

The Presbyterian Church, along with all other churches in this city, invites you to all services this weekend. The church schools will have brief Christmas programs for all children, and departments and classes will arrange for the Christmas baskets to go out in the name of the Christ to the needy. At the morning service, at 11 o'clock, Dr. Boyd will speak on the subject "The Birthday of Hope (Christmas)." Text Gal. 4:45. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the chorus choir at this service, and persons will be received into the church.

At 4:30 p. m., the church school will present a Christmas pageant to which all members and friends of the church are invited. This pageant will be given by the children and young people of the church.

At 7:30 p. m., the Sunday school papers of Hollywood school will present a Christmas pageant to which the friends in the community are invited. Sunday night at 8:15, Mr. Bullock and his symphonic choir will render "The Messiah" in the college auditorium. On Wednesday night at 7:30 the Meadowbrook Sunday school will present a Christmas pageant to be given by the children and young people of the community and school. There will be no prayer meetings held this week.

Grimesland News
Mrs. B. F. Buck and Mrs. W. A. Hudson were in Greenville Friday, shopping.

Mr. William Hudson returned home from Oak Ridge for the holidays.

Mrs. D. W. Angley of Shelmerdine was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Annie Hales, Friday afternoon.

Mr. Ernest Elks, Mr. V. A. Jackson and Mr. Elton Moore attended the crester supper in Greenville Friday night, given by the State Guard.

Mr. David Hardee of Greenville is spending the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Louis Moore.

Miss Evelyn Hales, daughter of Mrs. Annie Hales, is spending the Christmas holidays with her aunt, Mrs. D. M. Angely, in Shelmerdine.

The WAR TODAY

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son still fought this morning to defend a virtually undefendable island; Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi on the Philippine island of Luzon, where Japanese development has been stifled by the heroism of United States fliers; Davao, on the Philippine island of Mindanao, where a fierce battle is proceeding against four shiploads of invaders who possible were aided by resident Oriental quelling; northwest Borneo (Sarawak) where the Japanese landed in burned-out British oil lands and are being pounded by the flying Dutchmen; thence around the Strait of Malacca to northwest Malaya where the British, falling



Gloria Vanderbilt, 17-year-old heiress to more than \$5,000,000 celebrates her engagement to Pat Di Cicco, son of the late Brooklyn king of Long Island, at a New York night club. Gloria's father, Mrs. Reginald C. Vanderbilt, it is announced that the couple will be wed on Christmas Day in California. Di Cicco is a Hollywood actor's agent.

Japanese Thrust At Hongkong



The Japanese drive (arrow) has completed occupation of Kowloon peninsula and British forces were said to have withdrawn into Hongkong island to meet an expected assault across the mile-wide Victoria harbor. Reports said an artillery duel was being waged across the strait. Tokyo reported spotters hidden along the mainland waterfront directed the fire of Japanese batteries in the hills of the peninsula and that Japanese planes bombed the island heavily.

Carolina Girl To Wed Mickey Rooney



Mickey Rooney, film star just turned 21, and Ava Gardner, 18-year-old screen actress from Rock Ridge, near Wilson, N. C., will marry early next year, her mother, Mrs. J. B. Gardner, announced. Mickey and Ava are shown dining in a Hollywood light club.

back and fighting back through the jungle, have yielded two provinces and the island settlement of Penang to the enemy, but have in doing so sapped the power of the Japanese land advance toward Singapore.

One may be sure this is not the end of the Japanese invasion thrusts; there will be other bad news for this must be a defensive war for the Allies until America can get her real strength on the scene. In any event, as Winston Churchill once said, there is one thing inevitable in war: disappointment.

But while there is no ground at all for complacency about the position in the China sea, there is even less ground for defeatism.

Singapore has every chance to stand, despite the loss of the Prince of Wales and the Repulse. The island, linked by a narrow causeway to the Malayan mainland, is a true fortress if 15 years of methodical work and more than a hundred million dollars can build one. The works of its huge guns go five stories deep in the ground. The island's supplies have been planned on a basis of long-time security.

The Japanese, hacking their way through the jungles of the Malayan peninsula and dependent for further progress on a few roads edged by a

Gov. Of Hawaii



Joseph B. Poindexter (above), governor of the United States territory of Hawaii, escaped injury when Japanese bombs started fires near his home in a residential section of Honolulu. He immediately proclaimed emergency defense measures.

A. B. Corey Named To Head Local Lodge

Arthur B. Corey, prominent Greenville attorney, has been elected Master of the Greenville lodge 284 A. F. and A. M., for the year 1942, succeeding Earl R. Daniels.

Other officers elected were J. W. H. Roberts, senior warden; N. G. Raynor, junior warden; J. N. Hart, treasurer; J. S. Willard, secretary.

Credit Association Is Planning Meeting

Directors of the Greenville Production Credit Association met yesterday at the Proctor hotel with 15 members of this cooperative farmers' credit institution to make plans for the 1942 annual stockholders' meeting and to discuss other important matters related to the operation of the association, which makes short term agricultural loans to farmers in Pitt and Greene counties.

Robert A. Darr, secretary-treasurer, reported that the association extended credit to farmers for all agricultural purposes amounting to \$425,000 in 1941, and that the association had enjoyed a most successful year, maintaining the association's record of a sound, steady

growth. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held on January 28, 1942, at 2 p. m., at the court house in Greenville. All members of the association are expected to attend the annual meeting.

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Meet Santa Claus' Helpers



Where does Santa Claus get all those toys? Here are three people who know because they help him. They created toys Santa will bring to American boys and girls this Christmas. The first assistant to Santa, Mrs. Joseph von Schenk, is mother of two boys and loves to think of new things to please other children. This year she planned dolls and animals.



Harry E. Miller often is seen sitting cross-legged on the floor to study new ideas for toys for boys and girls at the level a child sees them. He started toy-making after he was very sick and had to stop work. He believes in a toy budget and recommends toys to help a child grow up. Among his toys are interlocking blocks, a pull-toy, a take-apart train.



And third is the little girl who liked to make doll clothes. When she grew up she made baby dresses for young movie stars. For seven years she's been a big help to Santa Claus in selecting suitable trimmings and tricky dresses for dolls. Her name is Eva Liebold. This year she had to invent new sewing machine gadgets to make fancy lace.

Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held on January 28, 1942, at 2 p. m., at the court house in Greenville. All members of the association are expected to attend the annual meeting.

GIFTS THAT WORK

Electrical things will make themselves useful—and remind your friends of you for many Christmases

By Kathleen Robertson
(From McCall's Magazine)

Will your friends thank you politely but unenthusiastically for your Christmas gift—and then forget it? Or will your gift be useful every day, so that they'll be thanking you even when they don't see you?

Gifts that will be a constant reminder of you don't have to cost more than those which are used up or put away in the attic until you come visiting. And of all the gifts which multiply in value by the number of times they can be used, electrical gifts are the favorites.

Why not try the experiment this year—when you have made out the list of people to whom you are planning to give, try to write an appropriate electrical gift beside each name. You won't have to try very hard—you'll be surprised at how few, if any, of your names you can't match with an electrical gift which is "just the thing." Old and young and middle-aged—and even the difficult "teen-ers"; new friend and "ancient" relative; those who expect little and those for whom you must be extravagant—there's something for all.

Another nice thing about electrical gifts is that you can be very personal or as impersonal as you feel it necessary to be. And

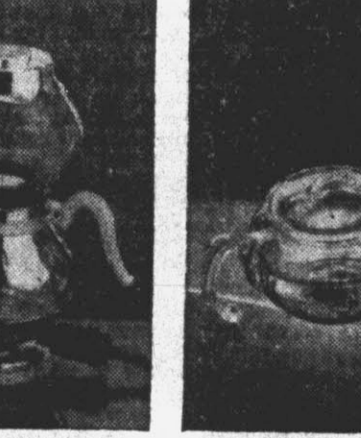
even when you can't quite make up your mind—or you want the recipient to be mystified as to whether you're being personal or not—you can still find electrical gifts to meet those difficult demands.

But don't forget yourself and your immediate family. If you have been promising yourself something to save drudgery or something to make home brighter or more pleasant—Christmas is a good time to keep that promise. Does it matter if your husband presents it to you or the children open the package, with loud cheers, as a gift to them from you?

Among the gifts selected for this Christmas by the editors of McCall's Magazine are these four:



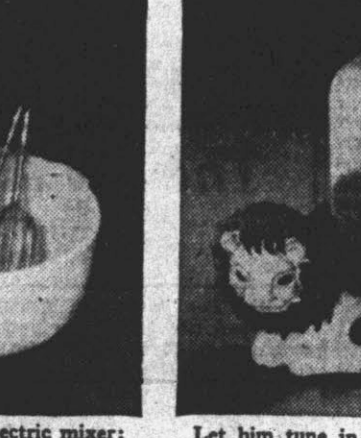
For your best friends, even if they're your family: Electric percolator which makes from two to eight cups—about \$11. The glass coffee-maker is self-timing—about \$8.



For a toast to the giver: An automatic toaster set with tray, toast trimmer and four gay dishes—altogether about \$21. The glass teapot costs about \$1.75.



Arms for the weary: A 10-speed electric mixer; when the handle is turned down, beaters are automatically ejected—about \$25.



Let him tune in and think of you: A plastic, personal radio—about \$20.

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Santa and the WHITE ROSE

by Gloria Arne

The Story So Far: Santa has spent so much time helping Carl, a peasant's son, that he's worried about the toys he makes each year for us. He has a magic vine that tells him about Carl.

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Chapter Eighteen
The Magic Flowers Call Again
That night on his journey home Carl stopped at the tavern to leave Santa there. They had a supper of milk, blueberries, biscuits and honey.

"Old father," said Carl before he left, "I wish you would come with me. King Harold would find a place for you."

Santa chuckled and tugged at his long white beard. "When I am older, maybe," he said. So Carl mounted his horse and galloped off. He had no sooner gone than Santa sauntered down the road. When he saw there was no one around he blew a silver whistle. Very shortly his reindeer and sleigh slipped easily down the sky toward him. When they had settled on the lawn, Santa walked down the line of 12 reindeer and patted each one. Then he climbed into his sleigh and they were off for Toyland.

It was late when Santa arrived home. But he was in a terrific rush. He looked at the calendar and saw that it would soon be October. He scratched his white head and said to Mrs. Santa, "I really shouldn't leave my work this way, I'm worried we won't have enough toys on Christmas. Shall we work an hour or so?"

She patted him on the shoulder and said, "Certainly. You paint those toy carts. I'll tie silver bells on all the black velvet monkeys and then that will be done."

So Santa and Mrs. Santa worked until the clock struck two in the morning. Then a little man in a silver suit slid down the side of the clock and scrambled up Santa's leg to his knee.

"What's this?" Santa asked rubbing his eyes.

"I'm Two O'clock in the Morning," said the little fellow. "If you don't go straight to bed, I'll throw



A little man slid down the side of the clock.

some sleep sand in your eyes." Santa chuckled. "You're very small to threaten me." But he and Mrs. Santa went straight to bed and they slept so soundly the sun had been up an hour when they woke. Santa planned such a busy day he scarcely had his long, white hair combed when he bounced into the kitchen shouting, "Well, well, where are my pan-cakes?" He caught Mrs. Santa around the waist and waltzed her around the kitchen until she pointed at the clock.

They ate and then hurried to the workshop. Fairies were already flitting about on their bright colored wings, working on dolls. Several older fairies were screwing the heads of jumping-jacks into place. Some were sewing black button eyes onto black, wooly dogs.

Tiny green gnomes were painting doll's furniture and green gnomes were making watches for little boys and fashioning gold necklaces for little girls.

"This is a special morning," said

Santa, "I am going to make a present for a girl who has her birthday on Christmas." He set to work on a small box of pink quartz. For an hour he fitted tiny wheels and springs into place. He screwed and he oiled and then he shouted to everyone, "Listen."

He lifted the box lid and it played, "Happy Birthday to you, happy birthday to you." Mrs. Santa and the fairies and the gnomes all applauded.

"Now listen again," said Santa, and again he lifted the box lid. This time it played a second tune, and that tune was just right for Christmas Day. It was "Jingle Bells Jingle Bells."

Santa was very pleased with the music box. He said, "H-m-m, I guess we're getting on." Suddenly his face fell, he put down his pipe, and said, "Good gracious!"

Mrs. Santa looked up quickly. Great red flowers were opening on the vine by the window.

"I must go," said Santa.

Tomorrow: The third witch appears.

Wilson's Widow



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson (above), widow of the President who led the United States to victory in the First World War, mounts the steps of the capitol at Washington to hear President Roosevelt ask Congress to declare war on Japan.

with his white cap, and this must be Miss Olive herself—come see this snapshot, Assey!"

"Uh-huh," Assey continued to scan the titles in the bookcase.

"Come here and look!" Jennie insisted.

"I must say the woman don't go in much for light reading," Assey said. "I don't even know how to pronounce the names of most of these books, let alone what they mean. Hefty reading, I'd say—what's the matter, Jennie?"

"Look at this picture! That's Ann Joyce on the steps, see, next to Miss Olive? Assey, they look alike!" Jennie said excitedly. "Assey, do you suppose—"

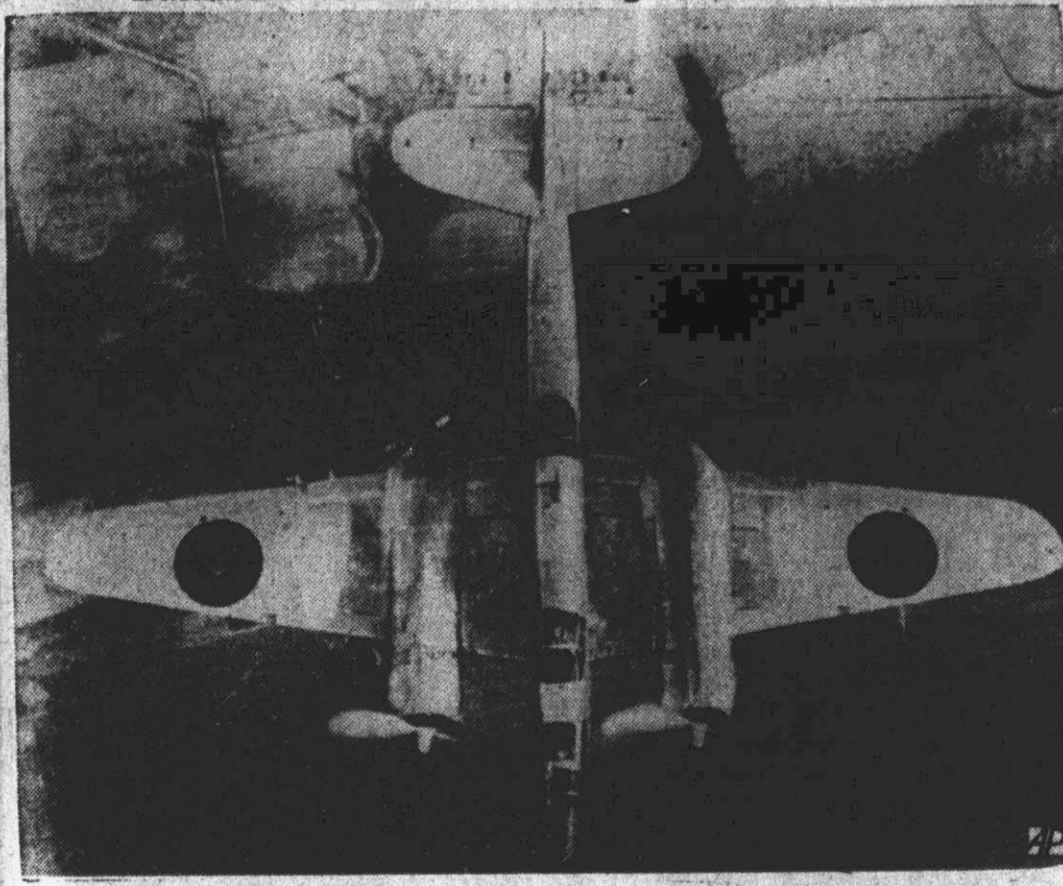
"Now listen, don't go insinuating things!"

"But they do look alike! Assey, suppose it's her daughter?"

"From what I heard about Miss Olive," Assey said, "I think you're coming close to maligning her, Jennie. Don't let yourself get so carried away. They both got the same kind of pointed chins, but Ann Joyce don't look half so much like Miss Olive as she looks like Freddy, if you'll just stop and think."

"Hm," Jennie said. "Yes, that's true. It's the way they got their hair. Hm. The Joyce girl's only 21

'Baltimore' Is Record-Breaking Dive Bomber



Here's an overhead view of the "Baltimore," a Martin medium bomber designed and manufactured by Glenn L. Martin at Baltimore for the British, which recently set a world's record for bombers with 560 miles an hour speed in a 65-degree dive with three men aboard. Large numbers of these ships are now going to the Royal Air Force.

Mrs. Doane said, and Miss Olive's been here for twenty-six years. Hm, I suppose it ain't very likely—Assey, this other picture of them three in front of that iron fence is

driving me crazy, trying to remember where I seen it before! All I can think of is Mr. Philpotts! What's that note on the bureau? "What note?" Assey had turned

back again to the bookcase and was thoughtfully scanning more titles. "Beside the brush!" Jennie went over and picked it up. "Assey! Assey!

Axis Claims Toll Of British Ships

Berlin, Dec. 20.—(AP)—(Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—U-boats have sunk four ships totalling 17,000 tons in recent operations against British shipping in the Atlantic, the German high command said today, and credited scouting aircraft with sinking an 8,000 ton tanker from a convoy in St. George's channel.

St. George's channel lies between England and Ireland.

The German submarines in the Atlantic, in addition to sinking four vessels, damaged two tankers and a freighter with torpedo hits, the high command said.

Mayo!" "What's the matter now?" "Assey, they ought to have come up here before! Listen to this note. Listen to it! It says, 'Dear Miss Olive. Well I've gone and done it, and I hope you won't be too annoyed with the results! Now I'm setting off to see how many people I can take in and fool—won't it be too wonderful if it works?' It's signed 'Ann.' And there's a lot of exclamation marks!"

"What was both the girl and Mrs. Hingham dressed up like her for?" Jennie demanded. "Suppose Miss Olive knew about Mrs. Hingham? And whether she knew or not, where's Miss Olive now? Why—"

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THE PHONE BOOTH MURDER

by Phoebe Atwood Taylor

Chapter 29
Jennie's Theory

"I'm coming with you, Assey," Jennie announced.

"Now I think of it," Assey said. "What was you doing in Miss Olive's room, anyway? What brought you upstairs here?"

Jennie hesitated.

"Well," she said, "for one thing, I got to thinking about her. I got to thinking, now if I could just take a look at her room I could tell an awful lot more about her. I thought maybe if you looked at her things, you'd find everything in order, but some one thing different like. You see what I'm driving at?"

"Uh-huh," Assey said. "Sort of. You mean, for all she sounds so set in her ways, there might be some little quirk nobody noticed that'd account for her being away to-night." He opened the door of Room Five. "I hadn't thought of that, but it seems likely, Jennie, did you happen to notice the number on this door?"

Jennie nodded vigorously.

"I certainly did! That's the other thing I got to thinking about. Mrs. Doane was talking to Hanson because he said he'd have to search all the rooms, and she said something about Room Five; she said Miss Olive's had Room Five for 26 years. Kind of a pretty room, ain't it, Assey?"

"Assey agreed as he looked around.

"I love Venetian blinds," Jennie said wistfully. "I always wanted Venetian blinds. Assey, what do you suppose Mrs. Hingham was doing in here?"

"What do you think?" Assey returned.

"Well, I think—course, you'll laugh at me! But I wonder if it wasn't Mrs. Hingham, that woman that rushed through that living room and was only a piece of my imagination? Don't you suppose it was her, dressed up in Miss Olive's clothes?"

"Jennie, how much harder do you want to make this?" Assey demanded.

"Think it'd be all right if I took a look around in the closet? Because," Jennie said with a gleam in her eye. "If I was to find a coat that was damp, and things hung up different from the rest—"

"If I thought there was three Miss Olives wandering around," Assey said. "I should curl up in that wastebasket and ask you to toss me out into the incinerator! But golly, Jennie, you know, she could have, at that! Officially, she was in bed with a headache, but we don't know for sure! Nobody see by her bed and hold her hand all the time. Let's see."

"Oh dear, all the clothes in this closet's dry!" Jennie said in disappointment. "Dry as a bone! And what a lot of coats she's got all like! Brownish tweed, bluish tweed, grayish tweed, greenish tweed, and just sort of mottledly tweed! Assey, what you looking at? Oh, pictures! Jennie crossed over to where he was standing by the spinet desk.

"Suppose that's her mother, in the old-fashioned gold frame? Who's in that folder?"

The picture

She picked up a leather picture folder and examined it interestedly.

"Assey, what a nice thing! I don't know's I ever seen any like this. You open it up, see, and instead of there just being places for two pictures, there's these other leaves, like, and you can twist it around so's any picture you fancy can be on top! She had this snap of those

ago she guessed them pills done the trick in quieting Elissa. But didn't you tell me while you was eating them drugstore sandwiches, that Mrs. Hingham'd gone out?"

"Uh-huh. She departed some time ago, with a rug. And Room Fifteen was empty still when I looked into it just now. Say, why was everybody seized with an impulse to dress up like Miss Olive this afternoon?"

Jennie shrugged.

"Search me, I wish I could remember about that picture!" She got up from her chair and walked back over to the desk. "What a lot of people in white coats Miss Olive knows. There's two more of them in this folder. Suppose they're all doctors? Here's a snap of the Inn-oh, look, Assey! Here's one of Mrs. Doane, and Freddy, and Washy

"I wouldn't know," Assey said as he knelt down. "Who in time is Mr. Philpotts, anyway?"

"That nice minister we used to have about five or six years ago. Assey, what you got? Did you find something?"

Assey brought out from under the bed a tweed coat, a blue wool dress with white collar and cuffs, a blue felt hat, and a pair of gloves.

"They were all rolled up in ball behind that cardboard box," he said. "The coat ain't much more'n damp, now, but the rug where it was lying is soaking wet."

Jennie sat down in one of the armchairs and beamed with satisfaction.

"There!" she said. "There! Now you take it all back about me and my seeing things! I did see someone go past me in the living room, and it was Mrs. Hingham dressed in these clothes of Miss Olive's. And she did come up the stairs and come in here! And then she took off these things of Miss Olive's and put on her own striped house coat. Now, was I right?"

"Looks like you was," Assey said.

"Looks like you still are, for that matter. She must've slipped out while the rest was listening to the radio, and not come back till you seen her come in. She was good, Jennie. I hand it to her. I never suspected nothing."

"Neither did I," Jennie said. "I just felt awful kind of small. Then when she heard Mrs. Doane talking to us a few minutes later, she come down and said all that about being so bothered by us, she needed a doctor. Guess she figured Mrs. Doane'd get rid of us pretty quick, if she thought we was bothering her guests! And did you notice no doctor ever come? I asked Mrs. Doane about that, and she said that after she and Freddy fussed around Mrs. Hingham for a while that was after she ordered us and the claims away—why, Mrs. Hingham changed her mind about having a doctor, and said she'd take two more pills."

More Pictures

"I wonder, does Mrs. Doane think Mrs. Hingham's still in her room?"

"I guess she does," Jennie said. "I heard her tell Freddy a little while



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WHERE IS OUR HOPE? In days like these people are asking where they can put their feet down and find solid ground, or where they can lay hold on something that will not run like sand through their fingers. A better disposed generation than our own has probably never lived on the face of the earth. Even the people in war-torn countries are not belligerent by nature but are made so because they are pressed into a prevailing mode. All over the world many men and women are asking, "What is the ultimate solution for all human problems?" There are millions of us who believe that the ultimate solution is religion. If we read the signs of the times aright, the world has got into the state it has because man has come to consider himself an economic factor rather than a child of God. He has believed that he is responsible only to the laws of supply and demand and not to great spiritual requirements laid down by a Heavenly Father. And because of this, he has found himself involved in all possible types of social dislocations. To use a theological term, he has fallen from grace, and in so doing he has experienced fractures and concussions. When John Knox, the famous Scotch reformer, was lying on his death bed, one of his associates who was standing by called to him and said: "John Knox, hast thou hope?" He slowly lifted his finger and pointed upwards. That was all, but it was enough. If our hope does not lie there, then indeed are we headed toward despair. All Rights Reserved—Babson Newspaper Syndicate

COURTESY MAY SAVE A LIFE. Figures released yesterday revealed that in the first 11 months of this year more North Carolinians died from accidents than were killed during the entire World War. Such a record is certainly not a good one for a people who call themselves civilized, but until we begin to show some common sense on our highways and observe the rules of decency and safety we may expect the ruthless and unnecessary slaughter of our people to continue. In its "Give Courtesy For Christmas" campaign the National Safety Council has set forth six rules for motorists and six for pedestrians which if followed will go a long way toward cutting down the holiday accident toll. The simple safety rules follow: For motorists: 1. Stay in line. Don't bull your way through traffic by squeezing in and out. 2. Don't sneak through intersections on the yellow light. 3. Dim your lights when meeting cars at night. 4. Give pedestrians a chance to reach the curb when they are marooned in the street by a changing light. 5. Don't block pedestrian crosswalks. And remember—pedestrians have the right of way when you're making

a turn. 6. Signal your intentions to the driver behind, and get in the proper lane before turning. For pedestrians: 1. You expect the driver to cross streets on the green light only. Show him the same courtesy. 2. Don't taunt the driver by deliberately loafing across the street after the light has changed against you. 3. Cross at intersections only. When you pop out from behind a parked car, you risk your own life and take 10 years off the driver's. 4. On rural highways walk on the left side, facing traffic, and step off the pavement when a car approaches. 5. Don't load your arms with so many Christmas bundles that you can't see, and then expect the driver to look out for you. 6. Stand on the sidewalk, not in the street, while waiting for a green light.

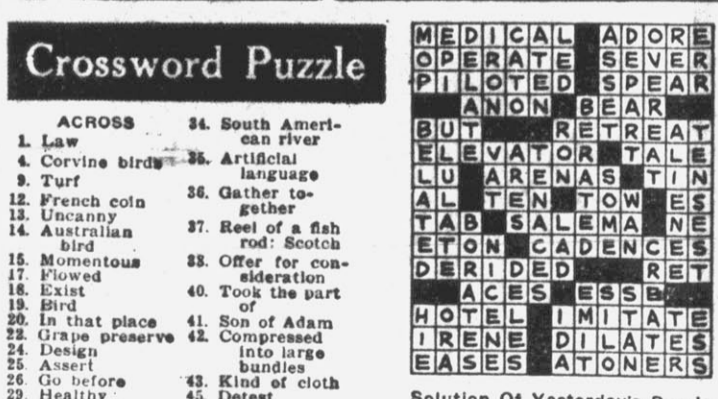
Washington Daybook. By Jack Stinson. Washington.—In those last days before the Japanese crisis reached its climax in war, a long-time capital hero was elevated to an even higher pedestal. He was Cordell Hull, whose firm, untiring efforts to preserve peace in the Pacific were matched only by his insistence on maintaining the dignity and integrity of the United States as a world power. The Secretary of State is not a young man. A couple of months ago he passed his seventieth birthday. His health has not been perfect by any means. It was not so long since he was forced to take a long vacation in the mountains of West Virginia. Yet in those months leading up to the tragic spread of world conflict in the Orient, there was no harder worker in Washington. Fifteen to 17 hour days were common for the white-haired septuagenarian. Few workers were ever before him in his offices in the gingerbread old State Department building that flanks the White House on the west. And frequently at night, dressed in the old-fashioned nightgowns which he invariably wears ("They're more comfortable," he says) he had dinner in bed in his modest Wardman-Park hotel suite and worked into the small hours. In the accepted sense, Cordell Hull is not a diplomat at all. He had his early training as a small-time Tennessee lawyer, a member of the House of Representatives for nearly 20 years, and finally for three years before his nomination as Secretary of State, a chair in the Senate. In Congress, he was recognized more as an authority on tax matters than anything else, being author of the income tax bills of 1913 and 1918 and of the estate tax bill in the latter year. It was only after his appointment as a member of the original Roosevelt cabinet that he stepped into the international scene. His fight in those years leading up to the present world chaos were for reciprocal trade treaties, a closer affiliation with Latin America, and a firm opposition to aggression. In that period, Hull's Tennessee wrath on occasions when it was aroused, won him a reputation for being a table-pounding "tough customer" with a full vocabulary of good old American oaths that could be trotted out whenever he felt it necessary. But it was a different Hull who engineered the foundation for the "Good Neighbor" policy and western hemisphere solidarity at the Havana conference—and it was a different Hull who fought through those long conferences with Japanese Ambassador Nomura and Special Envoy Kurosu. Those conferences, of course, were secret—but enough of them has leaked out to offer agood description of Hull's diplomacy. It was on the whole conciliatory and suave. Those people who surround him in the State Department were amazed by his patience, his willingness to go over and over every point. Only in the main essentials of our foreign policy toward Japanese aggression did Hull show that rock-ribbed stubbornness of the Tennessee hill man. Yet even in that cleaving to the line of the President's and Congress' approved policy, Hull maintained an outward calm. Not until that final outburst which started: "Not in my fifty years of public service have I ever known a nation—" did Cordell Hull let forth a blast. When he did, it was almost simultaneous with those much more terrible blasts that rocked Pearl Harbor and Guam and the Philippines.

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HOW TO TELL ARMY PLANES



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WANT ADS PAY. Crossword Puzzle. ACROSS: 1. Low... 4. Corvine bird... 9. Turf... 12. French coin... 13. Uncanny... 14. Australian bird... 15. Momentous... 16. Flowed... 18. Exist... 19. Bird... 20. In that place... 22. Grape preserve... 24. Design... 25. Ascert... 26. Go before... 29. Healthy... 30. Corroded... 32. Kills... 34. South American river... 35. Artificial language... 36. Gather together... 37. Root of a fish... 38. Offer for consideration... 40. Took the part... 41. Son of Adam... 42. Compressed... 43. Kind of cloth... 44. Detest... 45. Exclamation... 48. Lotter... 49. Make clear... 52. Epoch... 53. Severity... 54. Tier... 55. Affirmative... 56. Rock... 57. Sea eagle... DOWN: 1. Continent... 2. Part of an electric motor... 3. Falling weight of a pile driver... 4. Wax ointment... 5. Fasten again... 6. Spoken... 7. Gain the victory... 8. Colonists... 9. Unruffled... 10. Persian poet... 11. Sand hill... 12. Speechily... 21. Public vehicle... 23. Valley... 24. Beeches... 25. Keen... 26. Aspect... 27. One who plunders... 28. African antelope... 29. Cut at random... 30. Stilles... 34. Assistant... 36. Monkeys... 37. Stacked... 38. American Indians... 41. Cutting wit... 42. Meat... 43. Kind of soil... 44. Furch author... 45. Shaped with an axe... 50. Ignited... 51. Exist...

CHURCHES. ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Rev. John S. Armfield, Rector. 7:30 a. m.—Holy Eucharist. 9:45 a. m.—Church School; Mr. Rodgers Smith, Supt. 10:00 a. m.—Men's Bible Class; Rev. John S. Armfield, teacher. 11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon. 6:30 p. m.—Young People's Service League; Miss Mary Pat Waldrop, Pres. EIGHTH ST. CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ). William A. Ryan, Minister. 9:45 a. m.—Church School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Subject: "Christian Conservation." 5:00 p. m.—Christmas Pageant. 8:15 p. m.—The singing of "The Messiah" at East Carolina Teachers College by the East Carolina Symphony under the direction of Mr. Lewis Sidney Bullock. JARVIS MEMORIAL M.E. CHURCH. Rev. George W. Perry, Minister. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; J. H. Rose, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Organ Prelude: "Carols." Anthem: "Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus." Offertory Solo: "And There Were Shepherds"—Mrs. J. A. Karanak. Sermon by the pastor. 5:00 p. m.—Christmas Pageant, directed by Mrs. J. H. Rose. There will be no other evening worship at this church, as the congregation is invited to worship at East Carolina Teachers College, where the North Carolina Symphonic Chorus will present a musical program. IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH. Hartwell, Campbell, Minister. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. Everyone is invited to study and worship together. Mr. Richard Evans, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Organ Prelude: "Shepherds in the Fields"—Malling. Offertory: "Weihnacht"—Harker. Anthem: "Cherubim Song"—Bor-niansk. Sermon: "The Divine Invasion." 5:00 p. m.—Candlelight Vesper Service. The Symphonic Choral Club will present Handel's "Messiah" at eight o'clock in Wright Memorial Auditorium. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Pitt and West Fifth Sts. Robert S. Boyd, D. D., Pastor. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; R. R. Bennett, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Subject: "The Birthday of Hope (Christmas)." 6:30 p. m.—Senior Young People's Vespers. 7:00 p. m.—Pioneers meet. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service. Meadowbrook Chapel. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; F. L. Hunt, Supt. 6:30 p. m.—Young People's Vesper service. 7:30 p. m.—Prayer service. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Mid-week prayer service. Wednesday—Boy Scouts meet. Hollywood School House. 2:30 p. m.—Sunday School; Lonnie McGowan, Supt. 3:15 p. m.—Prayer (Second and Fourth Sundays only). Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Young People's meeting. MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH. Dr. J. D. Simons, Pastor. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School; E. R. Conway, Supt. Classes for all ages. Place for the babies. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. Organ Prelude; Offertory: "Pastorale"—MacDowell. Anthem: "The Adoration," by George Nevin—Sung by the Choir. Sermon: "Wonderful Is His Name" 4:30 p. m.—The Sunday school will have its annual Christmas program in the church auditorium. There will be no evening service at this church. In order that we might attend the Symphonic Choir program at the college. FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH. Rev. J. C. Moyer, Pastor. Corner Eleventh & Cotanche Sts. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Public invited to all services. SALVATION ARMY MEETING. 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School. 6:00 a. m.—Holiness Meeting. 6:00 p. m.—Young People's Meeting. 7:00 p. m.—Salvation meeting. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer Meeting. Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Womans Sewing Club. PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS. Corner 13th and Reade Sts. Rev. J. G. Spivey, Pastor. 10:00 a. m.—Sunday School; W. B. Peele, Supt. Services every Sunday by the pastor at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. 6:30 p. m.—P. Y. P. S. meeting. Tuesday and Friday—Prayer services at 7:30 p. m. CHURCH OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE. Rev. Charles J. Gable, Pastor. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered at 8:30 and 10:30 a. m. Devotions to the Sacred Heart at 5 p. m. Novena in honor of the Miraculous Medal Monday at 4:30 p. m. THE LUTHERAN CHURCH (Rotary Club Building). Robert L. Landeck, Pastor. (315 W. Fourth St.—Phone 3192). 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE. Dickinson Avenue. 9:45 a. m.—Sunday School. 11:00 a. m.—Lesson-Sermon. Wednesday—Reading Room open from 2 until 5 o'clock in the church building. Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.—Testimony meeting in the church edifice, 1008 Dickinson Avenue. SIMPSON F.W.B. CHURCH. Rev. John Harden, Pastor. Sunday School 10:00 a. m.; C. L. Hardy, Supt. Services every fourth Sunday at 11:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30. PHILIPPI BAPTIST CHURCH. Railroad St.—Simpson, N. C. Rev. J. H. Harris, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; J. H. Taft, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. SWEET HOPE F.W.B. CHURCH. Rev. E. H. Cox, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; C. C. Chapman, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30. NOTICE OF SALE. North Carolina—Pitt County. In the Superior Court Under and by virtue of the power and authority vested in the undersigned commissioner by that certain Judgment of the Pitt County Superior Court in the action entitled "Pitt County Drainage District No. 2 vs. J. L. Perkins, et al." and pursuant to the terms of said Judgment and for the purpose of satisfying the same, the undersigned commissioner will offer at public auction for sale to the highest bidder for cash and will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash before the Courthouse door in the City of Greenville. At 12:00 o'clock noon on Monday, December 23, 1941, the following described real estate: Those certain tracts or parcels of land described as Lots No. 3, Lots No. 4, Lots No. 5, and Lots No. 6 in the division of the woodland of the late Emily S. Fleming, as shown on the map of said division in the Division of Lands Book No. 2 at page 242, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County and being further described in that certain Deed from J. B. Fleming, et al. to V. C. Fleming and J. L. Perkins, the same being duly recorded in the Pitt County Registry in Book N-15 at page 348 and containing 96 acres, more or less. A deposit of 10 per cent in cash will be required of the high bidder, pending confirmation of the sale by the Court. Dated November 24, 1941. SAM B. UNDERWOOD, Jr., Commissioner. Dec. 1-8-15-22. NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY. North Carolina—Pitt County. As Administrator of the estate of Nehemiah Garris, I will offer for sale at public auction for cash to the highest bidder at the home place of the late Nehemiah Garris in Winterville Township, about two miles southwest of Reedy Branch Church at 2:00 o'clock P. M. on the 29th day of December, 1941, various articles of livestock, farming machinery and tools, hay and grain, including the following: 1 mare mule about 5 years old. 1 mare mule about 8 years old. 1 pipe weighing about 150 pounds each. The above articles may be inspected at the home place of the late Nehemiah Garris at any time prior to the sale. This the 2nd day of Dec., 1941. S. B. UNDERWOOD, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Nehemiah Garris. Dec. 12-16-20-26.

Colored Churches. SYCAMORE HILL BAPTIST. Corner Greene and First Streets. Rev. J. A. Nimmo, Pastor. 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; W. D. Miller, Supt. 11:00 a. m.—Morning worship. 6:30 p. m.—B. T. U.; Mrs. Mary I. Butler, Director. 7:30 p. m.—Evening worship. Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—Prayer meeting. BETHEL F. W. B. CHURCH. Rev. J. C. Gardner, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching every third Sunday at 11 a. m., 3 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. JOE'S BRANCH F.W.B. CHURCH. Aiden, N. C. Rev. M. O. Windley, Pastor. tennoon at 3 o'clock. Church located on Highway 43, one mile south of Calico crossroads. ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL. Vanceboro, N. C. Rev. J. C. Gardner, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services every first Sunday at 11:00 a. m. ST. PETER'S F.W.B. CHURCH. Vanceboro, N. C. Rev. J. C. Gardner, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m. Preaching every third Sunday at 11:00 a. m. CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST. Rev. C. C. Sharp, Pastor. Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Services every fourth Sunday at 11:00 a. m. ELOHIM HOLINESS CHURCH. Pitt Street. 9:30 a. m.—Sunday School; E. A. Chapman, Supt. Preaching service every first Sunday at 11 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Sunday at Elder J. N. Batten, Pastor. Sunday services at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. ENGLISH CHAPEL F. W. B. Rev. S. Hemby, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; S. M. King, Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. ST. JOHN'S C. M. E. MISSION. Sheppard Street. Rev. W. F. Jones, Pastor. Residence, Bethel, N. C. Sunday School, 10:45 a. m. Preaching every first Sunday at 11:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Preaching every third Sunday at 3:30 and 7:30 p. m. ST. GABRIEL'S CATHOLIC. Father Maurice, C. P. Pastor. Holy Mass and sermon each Sunday morning at 10:30. Holy Mass each morning at 7:00. Prayer, sermon and instructions every Friday evening at 5 o'clock; every Thursday night at 8 o'clock. M. CALVARY F.W.B. CHURCH. Rev. E. M. Hill, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Jos. Killebrew, Supt. Preaching every fourth Sunday at 11:00 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. PHILIPPI CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ). Corner 13th and Greene Sts. Rev. C. T. Utley, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; J. L. Leary, Supt. Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11:30 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. YORK MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION. Albemarle Avenue. Rev. Solon P. League, Pastor. Sunday School, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship at 11:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Prayer and class meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. SELVA CHAPEL F.W.B. CHURCH. Rev. J. W. Wilkerson, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Sam. Washington, Supt. Preaching every first and third Sunday at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. CORNERSTONE BAPTIST. Thirteenth and Railroad Sts. Rev. J. E. Tillet, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Milton Carr, Jr., Supt. Morning worship at 11:00 a. m. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m. VINES HOUSE AT AUCTION. On The Premises. Monday, Dec. 22—11:00 a. m. Terms: 10% day of sale—15% on delivery of deed. Balance 1, 2, and 3 years; 2% discount for cash on deferred payments. (Adv.) 17-46

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Captain Barnett Sees Duke Victory On New Year's Day

PREDICTS HARD TILT, HOWEVER

And Says Devils Will Have To Play Best Game

Durham, Dec. 20.—(AP)—“We're not cocky; just confident.”
That's the way Bob Barnett, the six-foot-three giant who captains Duke's Rose Bowl team, sums up the game to be played here on New Year's day between the Blue Devils and Oregon State.

“I think we'll win,” said Bob, as he bottomed-up on a quart of milk at the Duke sandwich bar. “but we're going to have to play our best game of the season.”

“I don't reckon it'll be any picnic.”

“So far this season we never have had to play under pressure. We've been behind only once, and that was for just a few minutes in the Colgate game.”

“But there never was a doubt in any of our minds that we could beat Colgate. You can usually get a pretty good idea, after just one or two plays, whether you can beat a team.”

“Well, we felt right from the start that we could beat Colgate, and we've felt at the beginning of every game so far that we were going to win.”

“Colgate stopped us for a time by playing their ends wide and busting up plays we use for long gains. But we knew we could take them by hitting the line.”

“Of course, we don't know how we'll do if the pressure is really turned on. And it looks like Oregon State will turn it on.”

“But we think that, when the heat's on, we'll play our best game, so, you see, we're not cocky; just confident.”

Barnett, 190 pound center from Albany, Ga., gives most of the credit for Duke's undefeated and untied record to Coach Wallace Wade. Someone asked him whether Wade ever gave the team one of those “die for dear old Rutgers” fight talks.

“Yes and no,” grinned Bob. “Coach doesn't work that way. He tells us what to do, and if we don't do it he gives us hang.”

“And do the players dislike to get ‘hang’ from the coach?”

“Hand, yes,” said Barnett.

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce probably won't cheer the news that Duke's team was mightily pleased when the Rose Bowl game was shifted from the west coast to Durham.

“This way,” said Barnett, “we get to go home for Christmas.”

The Blue Devils knock off from work today, and will return to practice the day after Christmas.

Limits Of Proposed Draft Expansion



The House Military Committee has approved a draft expansion bill from 18 to 64 years old, inclusive. If passed, for example, the measure (left), 64, Democrat of West Virginia, and John Jurgensen (right), 18, a House page from New York, at the poles of the draft. “But you've got a better chance of fighting than I have,” Rep Ramsay cajoled young Jurgensen.

OREGON SQUAD HEADING EAST

Beavers to Work Out In Chicago On Monday

Portland, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A few hundred fans crowded into Union depot last night to cheer 31 Oregon State College football players on their way to the Rose Bowl game against Duke University at Durham, N. C.

Coach Lon Stiner said he was worried about lack of practice, rain and term examinations having hampered workouts during the past week.

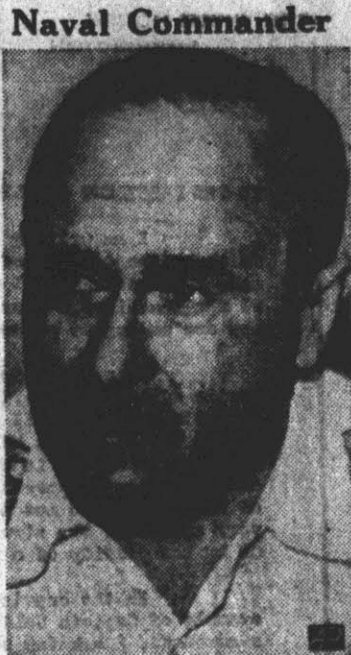
“But when we get there we're going to have a week for practice. We'll be at Chapel Hill, where we can work in peace. We're looking forward to it,” Stiner added.

The Pacific coast conference champions will work out in Chicago Monday and in Washington, D. C., Tuesday. The Beavers will arrive in Chapel Hill the next day.

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demie.
“No longer the moon alone can hold in spell the Romeos and Juliettes of 1941. It must be a dinner, a show, after that some dancing, and then some sixty-cent chicken sandwiches, to say nothing of gasoline, oil, tires, fines for speeding, and wrecks-of car or of character, or both. How the average man in average circumstances, “good-time”

Naval Commander



Rear Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton (above) took temporary command of the British Far East battlefleet in the place of Admiral Sir Tom Phillips who is among the 595 officers and men still missing from the sinking of the battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse.

such as I do their “Santa Claus.” Perhaps the only reason why, as a young man, I didn't drive my father's horse sixty miles an hour was because he couldn't go that fast even when I stepped on him! But if I had attempted such feats, I surely would have been made to throw my work into high gear likewise so as to earn the money to pay the piper. No doles were passed out to us kids in those days. If we were to have a good time, we knew we had to have a good job; and we paid our bills instead of sending them some. My father believed that his most important work was to train us children; then other things followed.

The greatest difficulty confronting young people today is that they have the spending power of giants and the earning power of babies. Their costly whoopees, as mendicant families at time of worldwide calamity, seem outrageous to those who know that World War II can be won only by intelligent budgets and worthwhile work. Anyone who is mature enough to be out all night is mature enough to work all day. We have had wars before; but when the history of World War II is written, economists will record our unexampled wastefulness of money, time, and health among the boys and girls who have not yet been drafted for war service.

Dangerous Economic Examples
The chief crime of families who are now indulging their children's wants for having a good time is not that the world is deprived of their children's services; the services of young folks of the live type are not likely to be especially valuable. The damage they do is in the bad example they set and in the unrest they develop within the great army camps of the United States and Canada. Furthermore, disipation does not “make jobs for men.” Employment—in the long run—cannot be helped by patronizing dance halls or breweries. The need today

is not for more fool jobs, but for better men to handle real jobs. The solution of our employment problem

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YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT HIM EH--? I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

SAY, SPIDER, YUH DON'T MIND IF I STEP AROUND TH' CORNER FER A MINUTE DO YUH?

NO, GO AHEAD, BRUNO.

M-M-M WONDER WHAT HE'S IN SUCH A RUSH ABOUT ???

THIMBLE THEATRE-STARING POPEYE

AH, WOOD FOR THE STOVE!

IT IS THE HOMELY CHORES WHICH TAKE ONE'S MIND OFF PERPLEXING PROBLEMS

FUEL FOR THE COOK'S FIRES, POPEYE, MY FRIEND

OKAY, I YAM GLAD TO SEE YA BEIN' USEFUL WIMPY

HA-HA-HA!

H-M

PUT IT IN THE STOVE, WIMPY

VERY WELL, AUNT JONES

JEEP! JEEP! JEEP!

BLONDIE -- by Young

H-M-M... LET'S SEE WHAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE FOR SUPPER?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DADDY? YOU LOOK SAD

MAMA DOESN'T LOVE ME

WHY DO YOU TELL HIM I DON'T LOVE YOU?

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON December 17, 1941 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN 1944 I am writing this letter as an act of faith in the destiny of our country. I desire to make a request which I make in full confidence that we shall achieve a glorious victory in the war we now are waging to preserve our democratic way of life. My request is that you consider the merits of a young American youth of godly heritage - Colin P. Kelly, III - for appointment as a Cadet in the United States Military Academy at West Point. I make this appeal in behalf of this youth as a token of the Nation's appreciation of the heroic services of his father who met death in line of duty at the very onset of the struggle which was thrust upon us by the perfidy of a professed friend. In the conviction that the service and example of Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. will be long remembered, I ask for this consideration in behalf of Colin P. Kelly, III.

In an unusual token of appreciation of the heroism of the late Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., President Roosevelt has addressed a letter to the President of the United States - whoever he may be - in 1956, requesting the appointment of Capt. Kelly's 19-month-old son, Colin P. Kelly III, as a West Point cadet. At the left is the President's letter; Right: Little Colin and his mother, visiting the boyhood home of his father who scored three bomb hits and sank the Japanese battleship Haruna off the Philippines Dec. 9.

TODAY AT THE MOVIES Pitt-IN OLD CHEYENNE-with Roy Rogers, Gabby Hayes State-ACROSS THE SIERRAS-Bill Elliott, Laura Walters Colony-GENTLEMEN FROM DIXIE-Jack LaRue, Marion Marsh.

N. Y. Stocks (Closing Quotations) Air Reduction 37 1/2, Al Chem and Dye 139, Allis Chalmers 27, Am Can 82 1/2, Am Car Fdy 29 3/8, Am Rad and St S 4, Am Roll Mill 10, Am Smelt and Ref 19 1/2, A T and T 124 1/2, Am Tob B 45 1/2, Anaconda 26 3/4, Arm III 3 1/2, A C L 19, Aviation Corp 3 1/2, Baldwin 13 1/2, Bendix Aviat 38, Beth Stl 59 1/2, Boeing Airpl 18 1/2, Borden 15 1/2, Briggs Mfg 15 1/2, Budd Mfg 2 1/2, Bur Add Mach 8 1/2, Caterpil Trac 27 1/2, Ches and O 32, Chrysler 42, Coca Cola 84, Coml Credit 17 1/2, Coml Solv 11 1/2, Consol Edis 11 1/2, Com Oil 5 1/2, Cont Can 24 1/2, Corn Prod 50, Curtiss Wright 8 1/2, Curtiss Wright A 28, Doug Airc 60, Dow Chem 121 1/2, Du Pont 138 1/2, Eastman Kod 132 1/2, Elec Auto Lt 13 1/2, Firestone 13 1/2, General Electric 26 1/2, Gen Foods 37 1/2, Gen Mot 29 1/2, Goodyear 11 1/2, Int Harvest 15, Int Tel and Tel 1 1/2, Johns Man 52 1/2, Kennecott 30, Crozer Groc 21 1/2, Libby F G 67 1/2, Lig and Myers 6 1/2, Loews 34 1/2, Lorillard 13, Louis and Nash 65, Mont Ward 26 1/2, Nash Kelv 3, Nat Biscuit 13 1/2, Nat Cash Ref 12 1/2, Nat Dairy Prod 13 1/2, Nat Dist 23 1/2, N Y Cent 7 1/2, No Am Aviat 11 1/2, Otis Elev 11 1/2, Pac Mills 14 1/2, Packard 17 1/2, Param Pix 13 1/2, Penny J C 74, Penn RR 18 1/2, Pepsi Cola 19 1/2, Phillips Pet 45 1/2, Pullman 21 1/2, Pure Oil 11 1/2, Rep Oil 2 1/2, Rep Stl 16 1/2, Reynolds B 23 1/2, Sears 51 1/2, Sou Ry 15 1/2, Sperry 39 1/2, Std Brands 42 1/2, Std Oil N 4 1/2, Stewart Warner 4 1/2, Tex Corp 43 1/2, Tex Gulf Sul 30 1/2, Un Carb 68 1/2, Unit Airc 34 1/2, Unit Corp 3 1/2, Unit Drug 4 1/2, U S Ind Alco 29 1/2, U S Rub 16 1/2, U S Smelt and Reg 45 1/2, U S Steel 51 1/2, Canadium 18, Warner Pic 5, Western Union 24 1/2, West Elec and Mfg 26 1/2, Woolworth 74, Yell T and C 12

New York, Dec. 20.-(AP)-Efforts to pump a little recovery into the stock market were successful in part today but unavailing for many leaders. The list slipped through a slim groove from the start and, at the close of the brief proceedings, advances and declines were pretty evenly divided. Tax selling in low-priced stocks continued as the main prop for volume and transfers for the two hours were around 600,000 shares, about the same as the preceding Saturday. New York, Dec. 20.-(AP)-A smattering of stock market leaders edged forward in today's early proceedings but many issues lacked rising power. At a fairly lively opening gains of moderate amounts included Santa Fe, U. S. Steel, Du Pont, Westinghouse, Goodrich, General Electric and Phelps Dodge. A shade lower were General Motors, Youngstown Sheet, Sears Roebuck, U. S. Rubber and Southern Pacific.

Grain Market Chicago, Dec. 20.-(AP)-Grain prices developed an upward trend at the opening today largely in sympathy with a rise of almost five cents a bushel in soybean futures, which reflected short covering in the pit. Wheat opened unchanged to 1/2 higher, May \$1.25 1/4-1/2; corn 1/4-1/2 up, May 83-82 1/2; soybeans 3 1/4-1/2 higher, May \$1.78 1/2-1.78.

Still Is Located In Winterville Section Pitt county ABC officers this morning located and destroyed a liquor still, complete with worm and cap, in Winterville township. The still was not in operation and no one was found at the site. A 50-gallon steel drum was used for the still and was destroyed along with a 50-gallon cooling barrel, 10-gallon doubler and 100 gallons of molasses mash, used in making "monkey rum."

Two Homes In City Entered Last Night Two Greenville homes were broken into last night, five pounds of sausage having been stolen from the back porch of one, nothing from the other. The home of D. A. Windham on the corner of Evans and Twelfth streets was entered while everything was away from home, about 9 or 10 o'clock. The intruder cut the screen on the back porch and stole the sausage. The home of Mrs. Olympia Jones on West Third street was broken into about the same time. While nothing was reported missing, a dresser drawer containing a sum of money had been opened. The belief was expressed by Chief Clark that Mrs. Jones reached home while the intruder was in the act of searching the dresser drawers and that he fled without getting the money.

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Manila, Dec. 20.-(AP)-Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., who became the number one American hero in the second World War by destroying a Japanese battleship, was killed in the flaming crash of his bomber after ordering his crew of six to save themselves, the Far Eastern command announced today in awarding him the Distinguished Service Cross. Capt. Kelly and 12 other officers and men, two of them Filipinos, were honored with the decoration, the highest Army award except for the Congressional Medal, for showing extraordinary bravery.

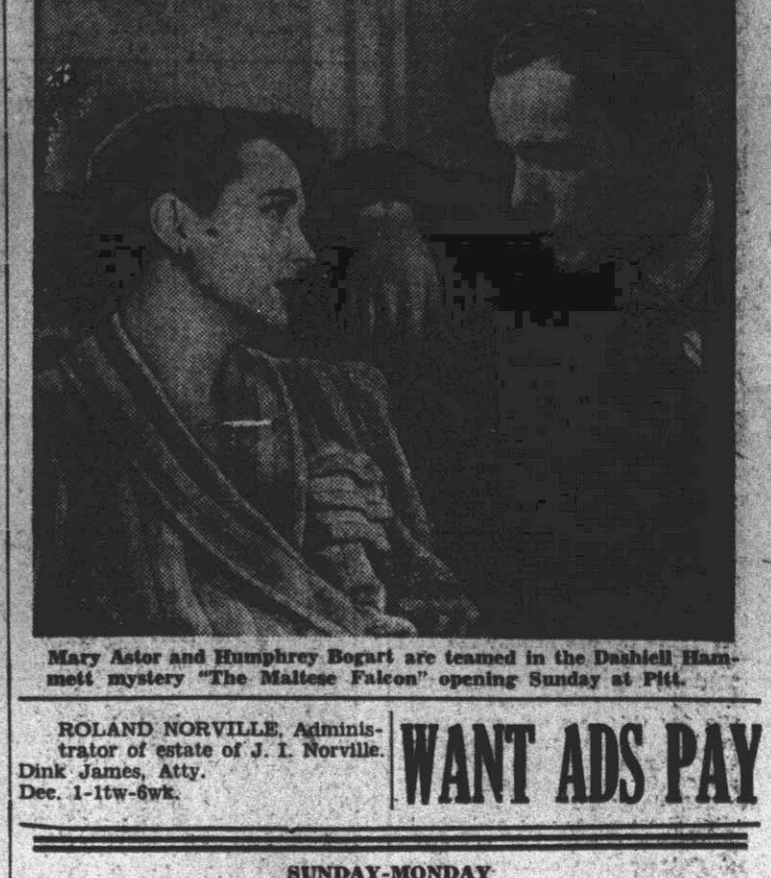
FALL IS SEEN FOR HONGKONG Japs Predict Full Conquest Today Or Tomorrow Tokyo, Dec. 20.-[Official Broadcast Recorded By AP]-Domestic news agency indicated today that full conquest of Hongkong was expected today or tomorrow, while a joint army-navy communique announced that Japanese troops had landed on Mindanao in the Philippines and were smashing enemy resistance.

Island Of Penang Occupied By Japs London, Dec. 20.-[AP]-Japanese Imperial headquarters announced today that Penang, island settlement off the northeastern coast of British Malaya, was occupied last night and that the advance on the adjacent mainland continued. The Tokyo broadcast was heard by Reuters. The British acknowledged yesterday the abandonment of Penang, saying that the garrison was safely removed to another sector.

Negro Is Sought For Cutting White Man Members of the sheriff's office are searching for Jesse Pilgreen, Pactious Negro and a former convict, on a charge of seriously cutting Charlie Dall, Pactious' mechanic, last night about 10 o'clock. The cutting was said to have been the outgrowth of an argument. It took place in front of Cecil Moore's store in Pactious. Dall was taken to a Washington hospital. He was badly cut about the head and face, one side of his jaw having been split open.

Friendly Gathering Turns Into Shooting Henderson, N. C., Dec. 20.-[AP] A friendly bird supper turned into a political argument, then hot words and finally gun play here last night and Police Sergeant W. M. Reid was fatally wounded. Police Chief J. H. Langston said the shooting was done by J. C. Champion, an ABC law enforcement officer, who was taken to a jail outside of Henderson. Reid, shot near the heart, died at a hospital soon after the shooting. Reid is survived by his widow and six children.

24 D. O. Students Get Holiday Jobs Although Christmas "vacation" has begun at Greenville High School, many of the students will actually work harder than ever during the next couple of weeks. Among these will be the 24 diversified Occupations boys and girls who ordinarily spend three to four hours per day in school and three to four hours in office, store, or shop as part time employees of local business. During the holidays many of this group will work full time instead of their customary half-day, and some will temporarily hold more responsible positions. All of them will carry on the jobs which are helping them to develop into constructive and self-supporting citizens.



Mary Astor and Humphrey Bogart are teamed in the Dashiell Hammett mystery "The Maltese Falcon" opening Sunday at P.M.

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